

Research of the National Science Foundation to participate in the program under this subsection; and

"(iv) the evaluation criteria with respect to which the overall management and effectiveness of the program will be evaluated."

SEC. 10. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY MEDAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY.

In the administration of section 16 of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3711), Environmental Technology shall be established as a separate nomination category with appropriate unique criteria for that category.

SEC. 11. INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC RESEARCH CENTER.

The Congress finds that the International Arctic Research Center is an internationally-supported effort to conduct important weather and climate studies, and other research projects of benefit to the United States. It is, therefore, the scene of the Congress that, as with similar research conducted in the Antarctic, the United States should provide similar support for this important effort.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SEXUAL PREDATOR PUNISHMENT ACT OF 1998

HATCH (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3811

Mr. COATS (for Mr. HATCH for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3494) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 116, lines 22 and 23, strike "territory" and insert "commonwealth, territory".

On page 118, strike lines 1 through 3, and insert the following:

"(2) the term 'State' means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United".

On page 132, lines 9 and 10, strike "that provide probable cause to believe that" and insert "from which".

On page 132, line 13, strike "has occurred" and insert "is apparent".

HATCH (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3812

Mr. COATS (for Mr. HATCH for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SESSIONS) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 3494, supra; as follows:

On page 121, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 203. "ZERO TOLERANCE" FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

(a) MATERIAL INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS.—Section 2252 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking "3 or more" each place that term appears and inserting "1 or more"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(c) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of violating paragraph (4) of subsection (a) that the defendant—

"(1) possessed less than 3 matters containing any visual depiction proscribed by that paragraph; and

"(2) promptly and in good faith, and without retaining or allowing any person, other than a law enforcement agency, to access any visual depiction or copy thereof—

"(A) took reasonable steps to destroy each such visual depiction; or

"(B) reported the matter to a law enforcement agency and afforded that agency access to each such visual depiction."

(b) MATERIAL CONSTITUTING OR CONTAINING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.—Section 2252A of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(5), by striking "3 or more images" each place that term appears and inserting "an image"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(d) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.—It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of violating subsection (a)(5) that the defendant—

"(1) possessed less than 3 images of child pornography; and

"(2) promptly and in good faith, and without retaining or allowing any person, other than a law enforcement agency, to access any image or copy thereof—

"(A) took reasonable steps to destroy each such image; or

"(B) reported the matter to a law enforcement agency and afforded that agency access to each such image."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Friday, October 9, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. for a markup of pending committee nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MICHAEL "MICK" BIRD THE TRANS-OCEANIC ROWING EXPEDITION

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise today to bring my colleagues' attention to a very exciting expedition. Last month, Mr. Michael "Mick" Bird completed the second leg of an unprecedented 24,000 mile voyage around the world. On August 19, 1997, Mick Bird started rowing out to sea from Fort Bragg, California in his vessel *Reach*. After 66 days of rowing, on October 23, 1997, Mick arrived in Hilo Bay on the Big Island of Hawaii.

After putting the *Reach* in drydock in Hawaii, Mick returned to his home base in California to raise support and prepare for the next leg of his historic journey. Mick returned to Hawaii this Summer and put to sea in the *Reach* on July 18, 1998 rowing for the Gilbert Islands, about 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii and the halfway point between Hawaii and Australia. On September 22, 1998, 66 days and more than 2,200 miles from Hawaii, Mick made land fall on Majuro in the Marshall Islands, a bit north of his intended destination in the Gilberts. Mick is now happily home in California with his family preparing for his next leg to the north central coast of Australia; another 2,500 mile row.

Mick Bird, a former U.S. Air Force officer, is of Pacific Island descent and has family ties to the State of Hawaii. His voyage is more formally known as Trans-Oceanic, which is the name of the non-profit organization sponsoring this attempt at the world's first solo

circumnavigation of the globe by a rowing vessel. The goals of this expedition are, among others, to explore the limits of the human spirit, to raise awareness about ocean ecosystems, to be an example of individual achievement as well as teamwork, and to generate support for The National Tuberculosis Sclerosis Association. The expedition is also using its World Wide Web sites (www.naaau.com and www.goals.com/transrow) to create a direct link between Mick's vessel *Reach* and educators and students to share experiences and practical applications of math, science and geography.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Bird on his very impressive accomplishments to this point, and to express my good wishes for the safety and success of the rest of this voyage around the world. I also wish to commend him and Trans-Oceanic for enhancing public awareness and education. I encourage my colleagues to have a look at Trans-Oceanic's web sites and share them with educators at home to follow along with this amazing journey.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE ROBERT I.H. HAMMERMAN

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise to acknowledge the unique and extraordinary contributions made to Baltimore and the State of Maryland by Judge Robert I.H. Hammerman who, this past summer, retired after thirty-seven years of distinguished service to our citizens and legal system. During his career on the bench, Judge Hammerman was a leader in court reform and the efforts to establish an effective yet caring system of juvenile criminal justice. These efforts were directed not only at changing the system, but also at exerting every effort possible to give young men in need the opportunity for academic and athletic development.

His remarkable commitment to the youth of Baltimore is most exemplified by the Lancers Boys Club which he founded 50 years ago and which greatly affected the lives of approximately 3,000 young men of all different backgrounds and races. Through his remarkable commitment, Judge Hammerman influenced several generations of young men whose leadership has affected every facet of State and national life. "Bobby" Hammerman, as he is known by his fellow Baltimoreans, served his community with exceptional dedication as a jurist but also, even more importantly, as a good and caring citizen. I want to take this occasion to express my own appreciation for his life of service and ask to have printed in the RECORD several articles from the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore Jewish Times which chronicle his accomplishments.

The articles follow: